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S. RES. 140

Expressing support for the historic meeting in Havana of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, as well as to all those courageous individuals who continue to advance liberty and democracy for the Cuban people.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. CRAIG, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. VITTER, and Mr. ALLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the historic meeting in Havana of the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba on May 20, 2005, as well as to all those courageous individuals who continue to advance liberty and democracy for the Cuban people.

Whereas on May 20, 1902, the Republic of Cuba obtained its independence;

Whereas in the spirit of Jose Marti, many of the future leaders of a free Cuba have called for a meeting of the Assembly of the Civil Society in Cuba, an organization that

consists of over 360 dissident and civil society groups in Cuba;

Whereas, on May 20, 2005, the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba seeks to convene a historic meeting in Havana on the 103rd anniversary of Cuban Independence; and

Whereas the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba will focus on bringing democracy and liberty to the island of Cuba: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) extends its support and solidarity to the
3 participants of the historic meeting, in Havana, of
4 the Assembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba
5 on May 20, 2005;

6 (2) urges the international community to sup-
7 port the Assembly and its mission to bring democ-
8 racy and human rights to Cuba;

9 (3) encourages the international community to
10 oppose any attempts by the Cuban government to
11 repress, punish, or intimidate the organizers and
12 participants of the Assembly; and

13 (4) shares the pro-democracy ideals of the As-
14 sembly to Promote the Civil Society in Cuba and be-
15 lieves that the Assembly and its mission will advance
16 freedom and democracy for the people of Cuba.

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